

A MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE BAMBERG BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS ON MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 2023, AT 5:30 P.M. AT CITY HALL. MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Craig Walker, Commissioner Bo Griffin, and Commissioner Buzzy Bunch. VISITORS: Camden Kittrell, Timmy Wilson, John Taylor, Randy Maxwell and Karen O'Bryne.

Chairman Walker called the meeting to order. Commissioner Bo Griffin gave the invocation.

Commissioner Griffin made the Motion to approve the minutes of the July 31, 2023, meeting to be amended at a later date if needed. Commissioner Bunch made the second. All approved. The Motion carried.

Commissioner Bunch made the motion to approve the financials reports for July to be amended at a later date if necessary. Clerk Chavis informed Commissioners that a revised copy was provided as she noted a typographical error. Commissioner Griffin made the second. All approved. The Motion carried.

Chairman Walker asked for the Manager's report. Manager Griffin informed Commissioners that there was some concern over the possible Category 3 Hurricane Idalia. Manager Griffin stated that everyone has been preparing at the warehouse, and he was on a conference call earlier in the day with Bamberg County Emergency Management. Manager Griffin said he attended the Electric Cities Conference and received some good information. Manager Griffin stated that after several phone calls and discussions with Santee Cooper there would be a rate increase involving gas. Manager Griffin said there would be legal action forthcoming regarding the matter involving gas suppliers.

Manager Griffin said the gas crew over the compression station workshop in Aiken which he thought was beneficial to the team. Manager Griffin said that 360 carp and tilapia had been placed at the wastewater plant in hopes of cutting down the amount of algae in the ponds. Manager Griffin presented the new website for the Board. Manager Griffin explained the various features of the new website. Camden Kittrell said he wanted to recognize Ken Ahlin for his help with drone footage for the website that would be added to the website. Manager Griffin said there would be some upcoming events for Public Power Week.

Manager Griffin asked Camden Kittrell to update Commissioners on the SCHIP grants. Mr. Kittrell said the Community Impact Grant was very close to being shovel ready on Bridge Street. Mr. Kittrell said they received a compliment from RIA that the Board was doing everything at a lightening pace involving the grant. Mr. Kittrell said Edisto Engineering and Surveying is in the process for surveying at the wastewater plant. Mr. Kittrell further stated that a soil boring engineers had been engaged by Brown and Caldwell to do some soil boring for the projects. Mr. Kittrell said Family Circle has been surveyed as well for that project. Mr. Kittrell said RFQs had

been sent out for the Regional Impact Grant and three submissions were presented. Mr. Kittrell said he, as well as Bo Griffin and Gregg Griffin, served on the committee to review the RFQs. Mr. Kittrell said there was time on the Regional Impact Grant as it cannot coincide with the Community Impact Grant. Commissioner Bunch asked Mr. Kittrell to explain the purpose of the Regional Impact Grant. Mr. Kittrell explained that this grant would allow for an emergency backup to allow the town to purchase wholesale water if needed.

Mr. Kittrell also said there had been some issues with telemetry at the SCAT Park. Mr. Kittrell said there had been some communication issues at the plant, but those have been corrected. Manager Griffin said there had been a lot of hard work behind the scenes and he appreciated the work of the team. Manager Griffin said he would like to schedule a time for the Commissioners to go out to SCAT Park in the near future. Manager Griffin asked for a date to schedule the presentation of the big checks for the grants received. The Commissioners agreed on September 27, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.

There was no Executive Session held during the meeting.

Randy Maxwell asked the Commissioners for some help with the drainage ditch behind his home on Elizabeth Street that has been a problem for 25 years or more. Mr. Maxwell asked the Commissioners if they could assist in getting the highway department to clear the ditch. Clerk Chavis informed Commissioners that she and the Mayor met with the Highway Department a few months back and wrote letters to homeowners that the ditch would be cleared soon. Chairman Walker said they would be glad to assist in any way they can.

John Taylor commented that the new website looked good. Commissioner Griffin said he served on the Committee involving the grant with Camden Kittrell and Gregg Griffin and he appreciated Camden's work on the grant.

Manager Griffin asked the Chairman and Commissioners for a date to hold a Work Session regarding the SCAT Park. The Board agreed to hold the meeting on August 9, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

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